

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Application No.: 10/031,407

Atty Docket No.: Q67836

REMARKS

The Office Action of June 4, 2003 has been received and its contents carefully considered.

The Examiner has required that an Abstract of the Disclosure be added on a separate sheet. Accordingly, applicants have added an Abstract as set forth above.

The Examiner has objected to claims 5 to 10 as being improper multiple dependent claims. Applicants have amended claims 5 to 10 as set forth above. The amended claims do not contain any improper multiple dependent claims. Accordingly, applicants request withdrawal of this rejection.

Applicants note that they have amended claim 9 to delete the “preferably” phrase, and have added new claim 11 directed to the deleted subject matter. In addition, applicants have amended the claims to place them in better form.

The Examiner has stated that the trademark METHOCEL, at page 2, line 22 of the specification should be capitalized wherever it appears and be accompanied by the generic terminology. Accordingly, applicants have amended page 2 of the specification to capitalize the trademark, and have added the generic terminology that METHOCEL is a water soluble cellulose polymer.

Claims 1 to 4 have been objected to because they contain a number of informalities. The Examiner has set forth proposals to overcome this objection. Applicants have amended the claims in accordance with the Examiner’s proposals.

Claims 1 to 4 have been rejected under the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. § 112 as indefinite.

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The Examiner sets forth two reasons for this rejection.

First, the Examiner states that the word "type" renders the claims indefinite. Applicants have amended claim 1 to delete this word and have reworded the phrase in which this word appeared.

Second, the Examiner states that claim 4 appears to use the trademark "METHOCEL." Applicants have amended claim 4 to delete "METHOCEL" and have added appropriate generic terminology.

In view of the above, applicants request withdrawal of this rejection.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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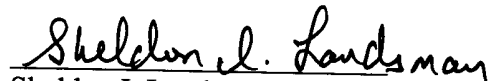
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